

Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and the members of the House Transportation and Public Safety committee. Thank you all for listening to my testimony.

My name is Eric McCoy. I was born and raised in the Columbus, Ohio area so I'm a local resident. I am married with 3 kids. My father owned his own printing business. It was a very small family operation. He was not a wealthy man but provided for his family. Unfortunately, the economy took its toll on his business. He was forced to close the business and sell off the printing equipment to pay the bills. We all went on to other careers. I chose truck driving because of the unlimited jobs available and the solid growth in the industry. I put myself through a local truck driving school to acquire my CDL-A to be able to support my family. During my career I have been involved in accidents that were NOT my fault. Matter of fact one year I was in two separate accidents that were NOT my fault. Due to "being at the wrong place, at the wrong time," these accidents caused my personal vehicle insurance to go up. I called my insurance agent about it and I was told it showed a history of unsafe driving. I argued that my insurance did not pay out any claims so the insurance company did not suffer any financial loss. So why am I paying more for insurance due to someone else's negligence. I lost the argument and was unable to change insurance companies for the same reason. I was forced to pay more for insurance.

Shortly after that I lost my job as a company truck driver due to my driving record showing I had two accidents in a six month period, which broke a company policy. Again, I was NOT cited for either accident but it showed up on my driving record because I was involved. I was not able to find another company driving position because of my driving record. I was out of work for three months. I used all of my savings and purchased my own semi-truck to put myself back to work. I was able to find work then. The reason why I can get work as an owner operator is because I take all the risks. This law is unfair to the innocent victims involved in any accident involving a motor vehicle. Please change the law to where only the cited or at fault driver has the accident appear on their driving record.

This resolution will go a long way for all truck drivers that are innocently involved in an accident. Thank you again Chairman Green and the members of the House Transportation Committee for listening to my testimony.

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